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Thank You!

American Consulate General Honors Palestinian Women in Science



On October 15, American Consul General in Jerusalem Michael A. Ratney joined President of An-Najah University, Dr. Rami Hamdallah, in honoring 43 young Palestinian women: 32 participants of a summer science camp entitled “GO Girls” and 11 masters degree candidates who received full scholarships to An-Najah University in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and medicine.

American Consul General Ratney congratulated the GO Girls participants and the scholarship recipients, stating, “The Consulate General, in cooperation with An-Najah University, is identifying ways to support Palestinian women who have chosen to work in scientific fields and inspire a younger generation of girls to go into science. I commend the women we are honoring today for their motivation and dedication to distinguishing themselves as scientific leaders.” [See our Facebook Album](#)

القنصلية الأمريكية العامة تكرم نساء فلسطينيات في مجال العلوم

شارك القنصل الأمريكي العام في القدس مايكل راتني اليوم رئيس جامعة النجاح الدكتور رامي الحمد الله في تكريم 43 شابة فلسطينية منهن 32 مشاركة في مخيم صيفي للعلوم و 11 طالبة ماجستير حصلن على منحة دراسية كاملة للدراسة في جامعة النجاح و التخصص في مجالات العلوم والتكنولوجيا والهندسة والطب.

Quick Highlights

On October 16, several members of the U.S. Consulate staff traveled to Hebron to attend a Women Entrepreneurs conference. Darin Zeidan (Alumna) and Rasha Salaheddin (Tech Women alumna) won a grant from the Consulate General to conduct initiatives for women entrepreneurs in Ramallah, Nablus and Hebron. The event sought to promote entrepreneurship among women and encourage them to set up and develop successful businesses.



On October 16, members of U.S. Consulate General staff visited the old city of Hebron to meet with International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) alumnus, Walid Abu Al-Halawi, who works with the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee (HRC). The purpose of the visit was to observe how his IVLP experience has benefitted and affected his sustained work on the ground. HRC has renovated more than 1,000 units throughout the Old City in Hebron, maintaining international cultural heritage standards in the 5,500 year-old city.



In honor of the U.S. Consulate Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) Alumni Regional Day of Community Service, college-aged Exchange Program Alumni joined forces with MEPI Alumni at an olive harvest in the West Bank village of Kofr Khan in Jenin. The olive picking activities were hosted in honor of rural women, with over 200 students and alumni from MEPI Student Leaders, the Study of the United States Institute (SUSI) Global Environment program.



2012 U.S. Elections

On October 18, Kimberly Harrington from the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem spoke at BirZeit University students about the use of Social Media in the U.S. Elections. Watch the 1-minute video.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_d32zkGv2E





Palestinian "Diamonds" Shine with Entrepreneurship, Innovation.



The image of the Palestinian Territories, for most outsiders who have never had the chance to visit the ruggedly beautiful terrain, typically only involves the political stalemate that overshadows the incredible creativity and inventiveness of the Palestinian people. In many ways Palestinians seem to have entrepreneurship in their DNA. I had the opportunity to witness this first hand on a recent visit to the region, where I accompanied [U.S. Special Representative for Global Partnerships](#) Kris Balderston. He was leading a delegation of American entrepreneurs and investors seeking to harness this entrepreneurial spirit and celebrate the culture of innovation in the West Bank.

Palestine for a New Beginning, the Palestinian chapter of the State Department-private sector [Partners for a New Beginning](#) (PNB), hosted its second annual Celebration of Innovation (COI) on October 7 in Ramallah. This event brought together 15 teams of young entrepreneurs to present their business plans to a panel of private-sector judges. After listening to seven-minute pitches, the judges selected five winning teams. The Palestinian executives who make up the board of PNB have committed to providing the winners with additional training, mentorship, and funding to help them successfully start and grow their fledgling companies. A significant portion of the Palestinian business community, as well as the [U.S. Consul General to Jerusalem](#), the Palestinian Authority (PA) Minister of Telcom and IT, and the PA Minister of National Economy, attended the event, portions of which were covered live by Palestine TV. Brought together by the Aspen Institute (serving as PNB Secretariat), the U.S. delegation spent five days learning from the local chapter about the business, education, and investment climate in the West Bank. The PNB Palestine chapter was among the original six members of the PNB partnership and has been leading the way toward seeing opportunities in the midst of a challenging environment since its creation in 2010.

This article by senior adviser Joshua Walker was originally posted October 17 on DipNote, the official blog of the U.S. Department of State, and is in the public domain. There are no republication restrictions. DipNote U.S. Department of State Official Blog Posted by Joshua Walker. Dr. Joshua W. Walker is senior advisor for the Office of the Secretary's Global Partnerships Initiative.

Announcements!

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem Announces The 2013 DeVos Institute of Arts Management at the Kennedy Center

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem is pleased to announce the Summer Fellowship for International Arts Managers at the DeVos Institute of Arts Management, Kennedy Center. The DeVos Institute's Summer Fellowship for International Arts Managers offers an immersive program of study in arts management strategy. For four weeks each summer over three consecutive years, international Fellows participate in seminars, group projects, individual mentorships and practical assignments supervised by Institute faculty and Kennedy Center senior staff. In their home countries, Fellows are encouraged to teach and distribute Fellowship resources. In this way, the Institute invests in critical arts ecologies worldwide, building strength and sustainability one manager at a time.

Application Deadline and inquiries:

December 1, 2012.

For more information and application instructions please visit:

www.DeVosInstitute.org/SummerInternationalFellowship

Jerusalem and West Bank Applicants: Email CV and application to Exchanges@state.gov ; call 02-6227107 for more information.

Gaza Applicants: Email CV and application to (emattar@palnet.com); call 08-286-4623 for more information.

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem Announces Study of the United States Institute on National Security Policymaking Program.

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) is pleased to announce the **FY 13 Study of the United States Institute on National Security Policymaking**.

This six-week Institute on U.S. National Security is multi-disciplinary in its approach and examines the various historical, geographic, economic, cultural, and political factors involved in the making of U.S. national security policy. The Institute will be held at the University of Delaware beginning in early February and ending in late March 2013. It is fully sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. Instruction will be in English.

The institute provides a group of 18 experienced and highly-motivated foreign university faculty and related professionals with a deeper understanding of the foundations and formulation of U.S. national security policy, with specific reference to American views on what constitutes basic U.S. national security and defense requirements and how those views have evolved in the post- Cold War era.

Application Deadline and inquiries:

Please submit a copy of your passport, CV and nomination form by November 8th, 2012.

Jerusalem and West Bank Applicants: Email CV and application to marroummv@state.gov ; call 02-622-7172 or (0545) 420 953 for more information

Gaza Applicants: Email CV and application to [Essam Mattar \(emattar@palnet.com\)](mailto:Essam Mattar (emattar@palnet.com)); call 08-286-4623 or 059-967-7317 for more information.

Application deadline: November 8th, 2012

*Send the nomination form, CV and a copy of the passport no later than **November 8th, 2012** to marroummv@state.gov (for East Jerusalem and West Bank) and Emattar@palnet.com (for Gaza)*

Are you planning to apply for the diversity visa program? Avoid these common mistakes that could cost you money or invalidate your application

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Mistake Number 1: Paying to register for the diversity visa program. There is no fee to apply for the diversity visa.

Many internet scammers send people e-mails or letters saying they have been chosen to receive a diversity visa and asking them to send large sums of money to obtain the visa. Such requests are scams. Don't fall for them! The State Department does not notify winners of their selection. Instead, all applicants must monitor their entries at www.dvlottery.state.gov to learn if they have been selected.



Mistake Number 2: Indicating your current country of residency rather than your country of birth as your “foreign state of chargeability” on the application. Applicants are eligible for a diversity visa based on their country of birth, not on the country in which they are currently residing or the citizenship they hold, and chargeability is determined by place of birth. If you indicate the incorrect foreign state of chargeability, your application will be denied, so be very careful when answering this question !Please note that people born between 1948 and June 1967 are chargeable to the state that administered their region at the time. Thus, those born during that date range in the Gaza Strip are chargeable to Egypt, those born in the West Bank are chargeable to Jordan, and those born in the Golan Heights are chargeable to Syria.

Mistake number 3: Submitting more than one entry. Only one entry is permitted per applicant. Attempting to enter more than one time in a given year will render all entries invalid .

Mistake number 4: Failing to list your spouse and children in the initial application. If you do not list them in your initial application, your application will be rendered invalid and neither you nor your family members will be eligible to receive a visa.

Mistake number 5: Not reading the instructions for the DV program and waiting until the end of the open season to submit your application. As a result, some are unaware of the rules and requirements of the program and miss the opportunity to apply. Others apply in time but are not aware of certain education or work requirements that must be met in order to be issued a visa. All applicants are advised to read carefully the instructions before applying .For complete instructions and information on the 2014 diversity visa program, please visit:

http://travel.state.gov/pdf/DV_2014_Instructions.pdf.

To apply for a diversity visa, please visit:

www.dvlottery.state.gov. The open season closes on November 3, 2012.

The 2013 Middle East Partnership Initiative's Leaders for Democracy Fellowship Program

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem, the Office of the U.S.-Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI), and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) are pleased to announce the seventh year of the Leaders for Democracy Fellowship (LDF) Project.

Application Deadline and inquiries: Please submit your CV and copy of passport no later than November 15th.

Jerusalem and West Bank Applicants: Email CV and copy of passport to Exchanges@state.gov; and MEPIJerusalem@state.gov; with a copy sirianimy@state.gov; call 02-622-7107 for more information.

Gaza Applicants: Email CV and copy of passport to Exchanges@state.gov; and MEPIJerusalem@state.gov; with a copy (emattar@palnet.com); call 08-286-4623 for more information.

Community Solutions Program

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) are pleased to announce the Community Solutions Program for 2013. This will be the third round of the [Community Solutions Program](#), a professional development program for the best and brightest global community leaders working in Transparency & Accountability, Tolerance & Conflict Resolution, Environmental Issues, and Women and Gender Issues.

Please submit your APPLICATION by Wednesday, October 31, 2012.

The application and additional information for the 2013 Community Solutions Program is available online at: <http://www.irex.org/project/community-solutions>.

Jerusalem and West Bank Applicants: Email CV and application to Exchanges@state.gov and copy Miral Siriani, sirianimy@state.gov; call 02-622-7107 for more information.

Gaza Applicants: Email CV and application to Essam Mattar (emattar@palnet.com); call 08-286-4623 or 059-967-7317 for more information.

Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows

Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows maintain full-time residence at the [International Forum for Democratic Studies](#), NED's research arm located in Washington, D.C. Dedicated to international exchange, the program offers a collegial environment for fellows to reflect on their experiences and consider lessons learned; conduct research and writing; develop contacts and exchange ideas with counterparts in Washington, D.C.; and build ties that contribute to the development of a global network of democracy advocates.

For information about the application process, please **read through each of the sections** listed in the **Table of Contents on the right**, paying **particular attention** to the sections under [About Us](#) and [Submitting Your Application](#).

Once you have familiarized yourself with this information, you may proceed to our [Online Application System](#), where you will be asked to register and set up a profile in order to begin your fellowship application.

The Application Deadline for the Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program, was extended to November 01, 2012



Second Obama-Romney Debate Reflects Americans' Economic Concerns



The second presidential debate between former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney and President Obama offered the only opportunity for American voters, rather than just a debate moderator, to pose questions to both candidates.

Their chosen topics reflected a U.S. electorate whose main concern is the state of the American economy and employment prospects as the country continues to recover from its worst financial crisis since the Great Depression.